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Application of: Sagner *et al.*

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For: *METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
THE EFFICIENCY OF NUCLEIC  
ACID AMPLIFICATIONS*

Examiner: Chakrabarti, Arun K.

Old Attorney Docket No.: 5443

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2003, be extended for a period of 3 months from October 16, 2003 to and including December 16, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$950.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 1803-326-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: December 9, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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